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In re Application of

Sivakumar Muthuswamy et al Application No. 09/472,927 Filed: December 27,1999 DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE

HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

For:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MEASURING WEB PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IMPRESSIONS

This is in reply to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 7, 2002 and supplemented on January 14, 2003. There is no fee for this petition.

## The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that an Office action was mailed on February 7, 2002 wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set. Since no response has been matched with the file, the application is technically abandoned, although a Notice of Abandonment has yet to be mailed.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of an amendment and request for an extension of time bearing a Certificate of Transmission date of July 3, 2002 signed by Connie Carlson. The petition includes a statement by Connie Carlson attesting to the personal knowledge of transmitting the response and extension of time on July 3, 2002. This is acceptable evidence that a timely response was filed.

Since a timely response to the Office letter was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the claims.

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